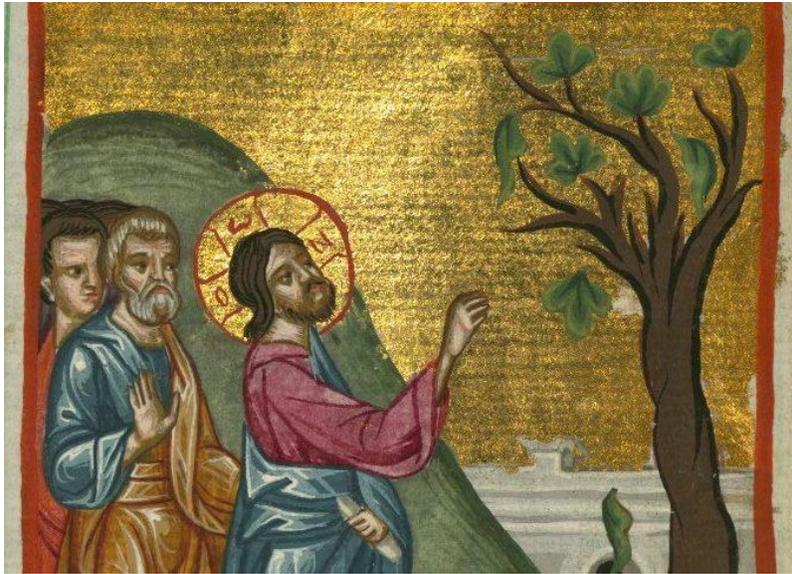


The Second Sunday in Advent



“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.”

Luke 21:33

The Second Sunday in Advent

5 December A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please, sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

*Hija Zion: The Sunday of the Fig Tree ~ "The Lord Is Yet to Come Again"
The Lord Comes on the Last Day*

The day on which our Lord returns will be a "great and awesome day" (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will "set them ablaze" (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: ". . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us "through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

Service Notes: The Gloria Dei Choir is providing special music for the 8:00 service. The Ferris Family Cantorei is singing for the 10:45 service.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

Divine Service

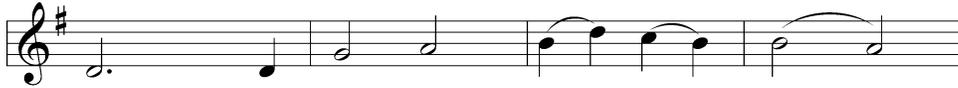
Setting Three

Prelude: Chorale prelude on HELMSEY (LBS # 336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending").....Lloyd Webber

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (8:00 Choir vs. 3)



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\text{I}}\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit (*congregation chants bold*) *Ps. 80:1,3,14,17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30,29*

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
 "Behold, your sal- | vation comes."
 The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.
 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
 Restore us, | O God;*
 let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
 Turn again, O | God of hosts!*
 Look down from | heaven, and see.
 But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
 the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
 "Behold, your sal- | vation comes."
 The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie
LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis (Omitted during Advent)

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen

Old Testament Reading ~ *Malachi 4:1-6*

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

(Saturday) Gradual (*Kantor*) *Ps. 50:2-3a, 5*

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

"Gather to me my | faithful ones,*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!"

8:00 a.m. Gradual (*Choir*) "*Savior of the Nations Come*".....*Praetorius*

10:45 a.m. Gradual (*Kantorei*) "*Prepare the Royal Highway*".....*LSB #343*

The Epistle Lesson ~ *Romans 15:4-13*

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse.....*LSB p. 190*

*Verse (Choir/Kantorei) The powers of the heavens will be | shaken,**

and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great | glory. Alleluia

Verse.....*LSB p. 190*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For

the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us
 2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear
 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
 4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure
 fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
 of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.
 till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.
 of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.
 Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

© 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010969.
 Public domain

Sermon: "Good News for the Future" - Luke 21:25-36

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering ~ "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive".....Kevin Hildebrand

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper.
 Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

Public domain

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

© 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010969.
Public domain

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C-Major.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by
Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2021 Concordia Publishing House.

In our prayers we remember: Barb Hansen, Bill Storey, Cody Selby, Jean Akre, Judy Meyer, Roger Escritt, Dixie Roberts, Wes Walker, Chris Rochleau, Elizabeth Bowerman, Carol Brockmann, Mary Ann Wege, Allen Timm, Jean Volkens, Helen Nelson, Brad White, Elaine Goodwin (Pastor Tews & Karen Burns sister), Donny Kadereit (son of Don & Marsha Kadereit), Jonathan Freeman (student of Coreen Trost), Sigrid Stoufer (friend of Don & Marsha Kadereit); Trent Casey (friend of the Harris' and Meldrum's), Ty Moreno's Uncle Vincent, Stan Hofman (friend of Dr. C and Rosemary);

Paul & Norma Johnson and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. Ron Rosenkaimer and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church;;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Justin Aistrope (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

Those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Jacob & Amy Eyberg.



News and Notes



Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.
Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.
Handbell Choir – Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

“Honoring God’s House” ~ It’s not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul’s Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please make sure your pledges are up-to-date.

Poinsettias 2021

\$6.00

Orders due December 19, 2021

Number of plants _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

“When we have eyes of faith, eyes that recognize these delights are gifts from God, then we realize that what we’re missing, what we should be longing for, what we cannot live without, isn’t Amazon or Starbucks or McDonalds. It’s Him. And when we have Him, every other gift makes sense. Every other gift falls into its proper place.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Christian Book Club

Hosts: Nate & Becca Heinicke, 510 S 8th St.

Book: The Lord of the Rings- Fellowship of the Ring Book 2

When: December 30th, 7 p.m.

Christmas Home Tour – December 5th & 12th – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Twenty-nine Themed Trees

Ornament Scavenger Hunt

\$5 person – \$10 Family

Home of Dale & Julia Burris

24336 Richfield Loop

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Benefiting freespeechamerica.org

National Composers Orchestra Presents: The Atlantic Duo

December 10th – St. Paul’s – 7:30 p.m.

\$12 General Admission Tickets - \$10 Military/Senior Tickets - \$8 Student Tickets

Purchase tickets online at www.natioanlcomposersorchestra.com

Boxed Christmas Cards are available in the hallway, for \$5.00 per box.

Abbreviated October 2021 Council Minutes

Opened with reading and prayer

- The September Financial Reports were approved.
- Discussion on David's Harp financial reimbursement for Pastor's time anticipated payment the 4th quarter of 2021.
- Review of 2022 budget line items.
- Line of credit for church renovation project not yet acted upon.

SPLECC

- Alicia Burns provided updates at the preschool.
Update on retention bonuses for staff.
Understanding staff needs and roles.
Two new roles to replace Preschool Director: Operations Director, salaried position and Early Childhood Director, salaried position.
- Scheduling tools.
- Motion made and seconded to create Operations Director and Early Childhood Center Director. The motion included the hiring of Tung dan as the Operations Director.
- Special thanks to those serving on the SPLECC Board: Alicia Burns, Julia Burris, Pastor Tews, Karen Burns, Trey Stickler, Penny Rollins, and Bill Kruse.

Church Property

- Renovations underway.
- Line of Credit is being established, draw will not be made until needed.
- Encouraging members to continue donating and receiving pledges.

Church Fellowship

- Reformation Dinner, October 31st following second service, potluck.
- Harvest Dinner, November 21st following second service.

Music Conservatory

- Looking for another violin teacher.

Pastor's Report

- Special thanks to Pastor Tews for his work on maintain/updating the church property.
- Working on scheduling for the National Composers Orchestra

Closed with prayer

Abbreviated November 2021 Council Minutes

Opened with reading and prayer

SPLECC

- Tung Dang – Director of Operations
- Pastor Tews – Interim curriculum Director
- Alicia Burns stepping down as head of SPLECC Board.
- Open position to be filled.
- Working through staffing challenges
- Discussion on wages/competition for employees
 - Motion made to transfer \$10000.00 from American Fund to the SPLECC emergency fund to support staffing.
 - Approved. (The withdrawal was made on December 1st.)
- Grant dollars appointed for preschools in the state of Iowa.
 - Geared toward staffing, training, and compensation.
 - Looking at a SPLECC task force to explore the opportunity.
- Building/Grounds
 - Insurance company denied water damage claim.
 - Roof has been repaired.

Elders

- Nate Heinicke – new elder.

Financial Reports & Budget

- October Financial Reports were reviewed and approved.
- 2022 Budget
 - Reviewed proposed budget.
 - Discussion and refinement of budget.
 - Approximately \$21,000 is remaining on the roof loan.

Church Security

- General Discussion.

Pastor's Report

- David's Harp income and opportunities.
- Harvest Dinner, November 21st following the second service.

Closed with prayer.

Update: Honoring Gods House



Many St. Paul's members have been eager to hear more about the renovations to our church facilities. It has been exciting to see work occurring and to watch the workers finish different aspects of the project.

Steps: Judging from the work on the afternoon of December 3rd, it appears that our railing is in and we will be able to use our front steps! Though the steps were poured, we had to wait for railing to be installed in order to be at code.

Stones: In its original precast cement blocks. aided in their slipping and dark inside is cement that pictured at the top of this exact dimensions of the old



Roof: The roof under Dr. due to ice damns and ice

form, the cobblestone façade of our church was capped with These blocks overtime were reconditioned and sealed which has cracking. Pictured to the right is one that was taken down. The had another layer "cast" around it. The new replacements are insert. They have been hewn from stone and are laser cut to fit the blocks.

C's office has been replaced. That has been a challenging spot falling off of the roofline above.

We are thankful to God for the warm and dry weather that He has given us at this time! It is proving very helpful for the workers to be able to accomplish the tasks at hand. Thank you for your continued interest in the refurbishments to our church.

Opportunities for Growth: December 5-12, 2021

Sunday: 12/5/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC
Caroling at Timothy

Monday: 12/6/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells
7:00 p.m. - Choir

Tuesday: 12/7/21

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. – Music at Midlands/7:00 p.m. - Elders

Wednesday: 12/8/21

9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC
5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino/5:30 p.m. – Christ Academy/7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship

Thursday: 12/8/21

7:00 p.m. - Council

Friday: 12/10/21

2:30 p.m. – Music at Risen Son
7:30 p.m. – MCO Concert

Saturday: 12/11/21

5:30 p.m. - Worship

Sunday: 12/15/19

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship - C
9:30am ~ SS/BC



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Two Locations

One Word

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
stpaulscouncilbluffs.org

Church

239 Frank St.
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503
712-322-4729
Pastor – Nathan Sherrill
Cell: 712-310-4248
nathansherrill1978@gmail.com
Associate Pastor – Timothy Frank
Cell: 712-269-3683
pastorfrank239@gmail.com
Director of Music /Head Organist
Dr. J Gordon Christensen
Home – 352-0298
drjgordonchristensen@gmail.com
Secretary – Rosemary Paul
rosemarypaul57@gmail.com
Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

School

1500 N. 16th St.
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501
712-322-3294
Operations Director – Tung Dang
ops.director.stpauls@gmail.com



Secretary – Heidi Bernhards
hb.stpauls@gmail.com
School Office Hours:
Monday – Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.